

Dear ,

I am writing to join the chorus of voices you heard on Thursday supporting One Fair Wage in Connecticut.

Today, more than 63,000 workers in Connecticut work for a minimum wage of just \$6.07 an hour. Two-thirds of these workers are women working in restaurants for tips, making the sub-minimum wage...yet another form of legislated pay discrimination.

Because working for tips forces workers to rely on customer generosity for their income, it's no wonder a study by ROC United and Forward Together found that the restaurant industry is the largest source of sexual harassment claims in the U.S. according to the EEOC.

Connecticut is also leaving money on the table by not implementing One Fair Wage. It's estimated that Connecticut would add \$361 million dollars back into our economy in 2017 just by enacting this simple measure.

When women have to work two, three, or more minimum wage jobs just to make ends meet, their family suffers – and Connecticut suffers. It's time to join the seven states who have enacted One Fair Wage. I stand with the women who testified on Thursday in calling on you to support the Connecticut One Fair Wage Act of 2016.

There is a GREAT study by M.I.T. on minimum living wage based on actual data broken down by areas of the country. A very fact, data based scientific study (what would you expect from M.I.T.) that takes into account all kinds of regional differences in cost of living and shows what a real minimum living wage would be. Even this proposal falls far short of a minimum living wage. The current standard is little more than institutionalize slavery!

Sincerely,

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